

The University of Memphis joins the Sierra Club

to present

# Community Health, Environmental Justice & Clean Energy

*The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Grassroots Community Conference*

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30am to 2:30pm  
The University of  
Memphis  
University Center**

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# Schedule of Events

**8:30am: Coffee and Registration**  
UC Center third floor

**9:00am: Introduction**  
UC Ballroom

**9:15am: Keynote by Dr. Bullard**  
UC Ballroom

**10:15am: Break**

**10:30am: Session 1 workshops**

**11:30am: Break**

**11:45am: Session 2 workshops**

**12:45pm: Lunch, Ignite  
Environmental Justice  
Program & Awards**  
UC Ballroom



## Workshops

### **Health Assessments & Environmental Justice**

**Michael Schmidt** (Associate Professor, Director, Center for Multimedia Arts, The University of Memphis)

### **Green Spaces & Health in Urban Communities**

**Matt Farr** (Assistant Director of Philanthropy, The Nature Conservancy)

### **Chronic Illness & Environmental Exposure**

**William McBride** (Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4)

### **Effective Advocacy: LTE's & Public Commenting**

**Dave Muhly** (Senior Field Organizing Manager, Sierra Club)

### **MS River Fishing & River Ecology**

**Karen Thornton** (Public Outreach Manager, MS River Corridor)

### **What's Good About Dirty Energy?**

**Angela Garrone, ESQ** (Southeast Energy Research Attorney, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy)

### **Energy Efficiency**

**Jack Cowan** (Owner, Cowan House and Sandra Upchurch-Energy Organizer, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy)

### **Organizing 101- Be a Part of the Solution**

**Brad Watkins** (Executive Director, Mid-South Peace and Justice Center)

### **Disasters, Environmental Disruptions and Community Resilience**

**Dr. Arleen Hill** (Associate Professor of Earth Sciences, The University of Memphis)

# Keynote Speaker

## Dr. Robert Bullard

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Robert Bullard, Dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University, as our keynote speaker.

Dr. Bullard, considered “the father of environmental justice,” has been named one of “Ten African American Green Heroes” by Planet Harmony in 2010, one of the “13 Environmental Leaders of the Century” by Newsweek in 2008, and the first African American to be honored with the Sierra Club’s “John Muir Award” in 2013.

Dr. Bullard’s writings include 17 books and over 100 articles on environmental racism, urban land use, community development, climate change, emergency response, smart growth, transportation, housing and sustainable development.



**Dr. Bullard will be signing books on the day of the conference!**



### His titles include:

R.D. Bullard and B.H. Wright. 2012. *The Wrong Complexion for Protection: How the Government Response to Disaster Endangers African American Communities*. New York: New York University Press.

R.D. Bullard, G.S. Johnson and A.O. Torres. 2011. *Environmental Health and Racial Equity in the United States: Strategies for Building Environmentally Just, Sustainable, and Livable Communities*. Washington D.C.: American Public Health Association Press.

R.D. Bullard. 2000. *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Boulder: Westview Press.

# How to register

Registration is open to all students, faculty, neighborhood watch leaders, community activists, community groups and anyone else interested in learning about environmental justice!

Come join The Sierra Club and the University of Memphis for a day of fellowship, learning and fun at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Grassroots Community Conference. This is the only environmental conference completely focused on providing easy-to-understand information and an opportunity to network with expert speakers and activists.

This conference is free and will include complimentary parking and lunch.

**Register Now!**

E-mail Laura Van Booven at [lmvnbven@memphis.edu](mailto:lmvnbven@memphis.edu)

Please include your name, e-mail address, and organizational affiliation or school if a student.



## PARKING AND DIRECTIONS

Convenient parking can be found in the Zach Curlin Parking Garage directly across from the University Center.

The entrance to the University Center is accessible from the 3rd level of the parking garage via a covered walkway just to the left of the garage stairs and elevators. Follow the covered walkway into the University Center and take the University Center elevator or stairs to the ballroom area on the third floor.